

To The FCC:

I am a licensed amateur radio operator who is in full support of petition RM 11392. Some of the digital modes such as WinLink and Pactor III are automated stations which never check to see if a frequency is in use before transmitting and consequently cause a great deal of interference on the amateur radio bands. This violates FCC Regulations against harmful interference. Also, I suspect these modes are being used sometimes for commercial purposes and because the users don't want to have to pay for an email service. It is hard to tell just what they are transmitting because the messages are encrypted and to decrypt them one needs a \$1,000 modem. This violates FCC regulations against encryption. A return to narrow bandwidths in the RTTY/Data subbands will get these offending automated modes off the amateur service bands which would be a very good thing.

The intention of the Winlink and Pactor III people is to make amateur radio just another outpost of the internet and I am strongly opposed to that. I strongly urge the FCC to approve RM 11392.

Sincerely,

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